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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Noboru NAKASHIMA
Serial No.: 10/084,491
Filed : February 28, 2002
Title : SAFETY INDWELLING SYRINGE

Art Unit: 3763
Examiner: Ghafoorian, R.

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Sir:

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In response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2002, applicant hereby submits the enclosed papers including a Response to Election of Species Requirement. The required fees are calculated below:

Total Claims	<u>11</u>	-	<u>20</u>	=	<u>0</u>	\$0.00
Independent	<u>3</u>	-	<u>3</u>	=	<u>0</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>

TOTAL FEE DUE: \$0.00

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE THIS FEE AND ANY OTHER FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 19-2586, REFERENCING ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 0090/004001. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS PAPER IS ENCLOSED. THIS IS A GENERAL AUTHORIZATION EXCLUDING ONLY PAYMENT OF THE ISSUE FEE.

Respectfully submitted,


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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2002,
applicant responds as follows:

REMARKS

Applicant hereby elects Species A: drawn to FIGS. 1-6, with
traverse. Applicant submits that claims 1-9 read on Species A.

The traverse is on the grounds that the basic concept and
primary structural elements are the same between the elected and
non-elected species.

Also, the Examiner stated in the office action that no
pending claim was considered to be generic. However, applicant
traverses this point as well and respectfully submits that claim
1 is generic.